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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 25, 2003, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

The following includes the entire set of pending claims with mark-ups.

Please amend Claim 1.

Please add Claims 9 and 10.

1. (currently amended) A conductive contact member for establishing an electric contact by being applied to an object to be contacted that includes solid solder, comprising a layer of highly electrically conductive material resistant to solder deposition and essentially consisting of gold [added with] containing a small amount of silver, the layer being formed at least over a conductive contact part of said conductive contact member so that said conductive contact part of said conductive contact member may not be contaminated by deposition of solder from said object to be contacted.

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